



PEDRO E. SEGARRA
MAYOR

HARTFORD SUCCESSFULLY PREPARED FOR IRENE

NEWS AND COMMUNITY RELEASE

(August 29, 2011)--- The City of Hartford may have been spared the brunt of Irene, but the storm's impact was certainly felt here and the preparation and response by Hartford's Emergency Management Team was swift and appropriate.

"Our hearts go out to family, friends, fellow residents in our state. This was a devastating storm and whatever assistance we can give to towns and cities in need, we will. If we learned anything from Hurricane Katrina, it is never to take the wrath of Mother Nature lightly. Thank you to the City's Emergency Response Crews for their hard work and high state of readiness. Also, thank you to the residents of our great city for heeding advice and appropriately preparing for a situation that could have been much, much worse. I also want to extend a job well done to the media who shared the constant influx of information with viewers, listeners and readers on multiple platforms. Together we helped save lives and minimize property damage," said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

- Hartford's Emergency Operation Center, located on the third floor of City Hall, was open 40 hours.
- 25 people utilized shelter services at Pope Park Recreation Center.
- Approximately 25,000 people were called through the Reverse 911 System.
- Out of all the state power outages 5,332 customers or 9% were in Hartford.
- 69 reported downed trees throughout the city with Northeast, Blue Hills, and South End having the most (12, 11, and 11).
- As of 3:30 p.m. four roads were closed: Regent, Rowe, Vernon, and Victoria.
- HFD confirmed 189 calls during the storm including 78 for rescue and EMS, 61 for hazardous conditions, and 10 good intent calls.
- No serious injuries were or have been reported.
- The Mayor's Twitter feed, @HartfordMayor, received 175 new followers.
- City forestry crews are still removing debris from the streets, and clean-up work will continue throughout the week; a minority firm has also been contracted to augment the work of city crews.